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The amendment filed on July 17, 2007 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because claim 22 recites that at least some of the apex portions of adjacent circumferential support structures are configured to longitudinally extend past each other when in the un-deployed configuration thus providing longitudinal overlap. This feature is shown in the species of figure 7 rather than the elected species of figures 8 and 9.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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